



MICHIGAN  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
ELECTIONS

**Wednesday, March 16, 2016**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Room 308 House Office Building**

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The House Standing Committee on Elections was called to order by Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin and Hoadley.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None.

**Representative Leutheuser** moved to adopt the minutes from the **Wednesday, March 9, 2016**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chair Lyons** laid **SB 776** before the committee:

SB 776      (Robertson)      Elections; petitions; petition signature rebuttable presumption; eliminate.

**TESTIMONY**

**Erika Farley** from Senator Robertson's office testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

**John Pirich**, representing Honigan Miller, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

**Chris Thomas**, representing the Michigan Department of State (MDOS), Secretary of State Office (SOS), testified indicating neutrality on the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

**Sean Hammond**, representing the Michigan Environment Council, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

**Robert Simpson**, representing Let's Ban Fracking, testified in opposition to the bill.

**Rick Thompson**, representing the MI-National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (MINORML), testified in opposition to the bill.

**Jeffrey Hak**, representing MI Legalize, testified in opposition to the bill.

*The following individuals submitted a card and/or written testimony but did not speak:*

Andy Such, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, supports the bill.  
Jim Holcomb, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, supports the bill.  
Kieran Marion, representing the Michigan Department of State (MDOS), is neutral on the bill.  
Ellis Boal, representing the Committee to Ban Fracking in Michigan, opposes the bill.  
Stanton McKim opposes the bill.  
John Anthony La Pietra opposes the bill.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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**Representative Lisa Lyons, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Elections**  
Malika Abdul-Basir  
Committee Clerk  
517-373-7256  
1 Hour and 15 Minutes